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Acquiring Louisiana Birth Cards or Certificates

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis and Shelby County Health Department's Vital Records Office along with the Tennessee Department of Health, Office of Vital Records and several other states' health departments are working through the National Association of Public Health Statistics and Information Systems (NAPHSIS) to assist those evacuees born in Louisiana who need a copy of their birth cards or certificates. Many evacuees may need birth cards to gain employment, enroll their children in school and to receive much needed benefits during this time.

The Tennessee Office of Vital Records is assisting Louisiana by processing Louisiana applications, receiving the birth cards from Louisiana and forwarding them to evacuees. Evacuees in Memphis and Shelby County who wish to apply for Louisiana birth card or certificate can come to the Health Department at 814 Jefferson Ave, Memphis, Monday – Friday from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm to make an application. Evacuees in other counties who wish to apply for a Louisiana birth cards may complete an application in any Tennessee county health department or at the State Office of Vital Records. Louisiana will provide the card free during the period of this disaster. Evacuees should expect to receive their birth card or certificate in approximately 2-3 weeks for the applicant to receive the birth card or certificate.

For more information, evacuees should call the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department's Vital Records Officer at 901-544-7608 or the Tennessee Office of Vital Records in Nashville at 1-615-532-2607 during normal business hours.